5. National Institute of Social Defence, West Block No. 1, Wing No. 7, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

6. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited, Savitri Sadan-II, Preet Vihar Community Centre, Vikas Marg, Delhi-92.

7. National SC & ST Finance and Development Corporation, No. 8, Balaji Estate, Guru Ravi Das Marg, New Delhi.

8. Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited, G.T. Road, Kanpur.

9. National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun.

10. National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, B.T. Road, Bon-Hoogly, Calcutta-700090.

11. Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Kishenchand Marg, Bandra (West), Bombay-400050.

12. National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, P.O. Bowenpally, Secundrabad-500011.

13. Institute for the Physically Handicapped, 4, Vishnu Digamber Marg, New Delhi.

14. National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Olatpur, Bairoi P.O., Cuttack District, Orissa-754010.

Hunger deaths in India

1139. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's ttention has been drawn to a report in the 'Hindustan Times' of October 9, 1991 stating that 11,000 Indians die of hunger everyday;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identifying people living under distress and to provide relief to them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

1140. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mentally and physically disabled persons in the country and their percentage in rural and urban areas;

(b) what stips have been taken by Government to develop the latent abilities of such persons so that they can contribute to the national effort and attain their rightful place in the society; and

(c) what is the number of persons joining the ranks of disabled ones each year in the country and the extent of coverage of rehabilitation schemes in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) to (c) No precise information is available about the number of mentally and physically disabled persons in the country and their percentage in rural and urban areas and also the number of persons joining the ranks of disabled persons each year in the country. However, according to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1981, the total number of disabled population excluding persons with mental disabilities in the country was about 12 millions. The prevalence of disability is more in rural areas than in urban areas.

The Government of India has been assisting the State Govts. as well as the voluntary organisations in programmes designed for the rehabilitation of the handicapped. The following four National Institutes as apex level organisations in their respective areas of disability have been set up:—

(1) National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.